Greek Mythology Research

We are going to extend our knowledge of Greek Mythology and *The Odyssey* by writing a research paper. Choose a topic that interests you! Below are topic suggestions. If there is a different topic that has struck a chord with you throughout our reading of *The Odyssey*, you may research that topic as long as you get teacher approval first. Once you select a topic, you may find that you will have to narrow the topic as you do research.

**Suggested Research Topics**
- gods and goddesses (choose a particular one to research)
- Mythological Heroes (choose a particular one to research)
- Demigods
- Mythical Beings (ex. Cupid, Diana, Queen Mab)
- How Astrology relates to Myths
- Historical importance of Mythology
- Affairs and children of Zeus
- Twelve labors of Hercules
- Greek origin myths for mankind or animals
- Natural Myths (every day natural phenomena, like the sun setting)
- The role of Fate in Greek Mythology
- The influence of Greek Mythology on our modern world
- Monsters and creatures of Greek Myth
- The war between the Titans and the Olympian gods (Titanomachy)
- The Trojan War
- The role of women in Greek Myth
- Moral lessons that can be found in myths
- Sources of Greek Myths (Homer, Sophocles, Hesiod, Aeschylus, Euripides, etc.) and their contributions
- Myths involving animal transformation
- Hubris (pride) and the fate of mortals who try to best the gods
- Mount Olympus
- Mythological Family Trees
- Greek vs. Roman Mythology
- Ancient Temple Designs (architecture)
- Greek customs

**Research Requirements**
- **Step 1**: Brainstorm (brainstorming is on the back of this page)
- **Step 2**: Research
  - You must use the following:
    - A journal or newspaper article
    - An article from a credible website
    - A book or an e-book
  - You may also use:
    - Evidence from films
    - Interviews
    - Art
- **Step 3**: Create Works Cited
  - You must submit a works cited page
  - Follow MLA Format
Step 4: Research Paper

- Our research paper will be similar to the literary response paper you wrote about The Odyssey in that it has an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. However, instead of responding to one piece of literature, you will create a thesis statement about your research topic and synthesize your research in your body paragraphs to support your thesis statement.

Name __________________________________

Research Brainstorming

Directions: This brainstorming worksheet must be completed by Tuesday, January 8. You will need to show me this worksheet when I conference with you.

Define Task (what is the assignment?):

Topic (what topic have you chosen?):

Do I need to focus my topic (is it too broad?):

What is my thesis statement (this is a rough draft. It can evolve and change as you learn information through research)?

Key Words and Phrases (related to your topic that you will use in a search engine…Ex. synonyms of your topic or ideas related to your topic):

What questions do I want to answer about my topic (at least three)?